



MCO MEMBERS VOLUNTEER TIME TO HELP FLINT CORRECTIONS OFFICERS TUESDAY

Our corrections family in Flint needs our help.

Families have been exposed to water from the Flint River, and lead from untreated, aging pipes leached into their water. Flint children could suffer life-long side effects. The magnitude of this public health crisis is huge. We can't resolve this situation overnight, but we, MCO members, can get to work now, doing what we can.

There are about 50 corrections officers living in Flint, and a group of MCO members and retirees will deliver water and other resources to

them Tuesday. We're doing what we can to bring them some relief.

A request was made for assistance from the MCO Crisis Fund for help with the relief for our officers.

MCO will also be providing some humanitarian relief with a semi-truck full of water for the community, paid for through other donations.

During the member listening tours last summer and in one-on-one conversations, MCO leaders heard members say they wanted to see more of this kind of union involvement in things that matter most. We know our brothers and sisters in Flint need

help, and MCO is doing what we can to answer the call.

If you would like to volunteer Tuesday, please email mail@mco-seiu.org by noon on Monday.

MCO staff will then forward you details about where and when to meet us Tuesday.

The MCO Crisis Fund helps members facing a catastrophe. Please consider making a donation to the fund. You can donate by mailing a check to: MCO Crisis Fund, 421 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933. To the many who give regularly to the Crisis Fund, we thank you!

AROUND THE STATE: ABSCONDERS KEEP CSRs BUSY; FIGHTS AT LMF AND MBP

A shot was fired Tuesday in the direction of an absconder officer (also known as CSR).

The CSR was on a stake out in Detroit when police called for assistance in apprehending suspected armed robbers. Detroit police had believed one of them was on probation. The CSR responded, and the men fired a shot at him, which struck the CSR's vehicle. The CSR wasn't hit and no one was injured.

The men barricaded themselves inside an apartment and a SWAT team extracted them. The men were arrested.

We are thankful no one was hurt. This is another example of the dangerous work our members do every day.

The next day, the absconder unit was busy again, looking for a man

who escaped from the Lawton Parole Office. He was apprehended.

A Marquette inmate needed more than 10 stitches after another prisoner attacked him with a weapon.

The assault happened Wednesday on the yard. Both inmates are Level V.

Officers broke up the fight. No staff injuries were reported.

The previous day, three weapons and other contraband was found in shake downs. **To all the officers who found weapons and contraband this week, great work!**

An LMF inmate wielding two homemade plastic shanks stabbed two prisoners Sunday in Cedar unit.

The prisoners were stabbed in the upper back. The weapons were about 6 inches long.

A Trinity worker at ARF was placed on stop order Tuesday for alleged sex acts with an inmate.

Also at ARF this week:

A property room officer found marijuana in a peanut butter jar Wednesday. The marijuana was found during a shakedown of an incoming inmate's property.

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